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SUBJECT: CYPRUS AND EC ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN JANUARY 13 CONVERSATION ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS
WITH FONOFF DIRGEN PELAGHIAS, DCM NOTED THAT US REPS IN
COPENHAGEN AND BRUSSELS DISCUSSED CYPRUS ASSOCIATION

AGREEMENT WITH DANISH MFA AND EC COMMISSION. WE WERE PLEASED TO REPORT (REF TEL) THAT THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD ADVISED THEIR COUNTERPARTS TO TAKE A BROADER VIEW OF ECONOMIC AND AGRICULTURAL QUESTIONS POSED BY THE CYPRIOTS.

2. PELAGHIAS SAID GOC HAD HEARD ABOUT U.S. EFFORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES. EARLIER ON JANUARY 13, PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU INSTRUCTED PELAGHIAS TO EXPRESS GOC GRATITUDE FOR U.S. INTERVENTIONS WITH EC MEMBERS AND COMMISSION.

3. PELAGHIAS WAS HOPEFUL THAT CYPRUS WOULD GET SOME RELIEF FROM THE UNILATERAL MEASURES NOW SCHEDULED TO BE APPLIED BY EC ON CYPRUS PRODUCTS. GOC HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT CYPRUS QUESTION WOULD BE PLACED ON AGENDA FOR JANUARY 17 COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING.

4. AS A RESULT OF MINISTERS' MEETINGS IN VARIOUS CAPITALS, GOC BELIEVES STRONGEST EC OPPONENT OF "REASONABLE" AGREEMENT WITH CYPRUS IS FRANCE. FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD DID NOT FIND IT POSSIBLE TO MEET WITH GOC FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES EVEN THOUGH THE TWO MEN ARE CLOSE FRIENDS. GOC UNDERSTANDS THAT ANY AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS ARE HIGHLY SENSITIVE IN FRANCE WITH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS APPROACHING; GOC BEARS NO RANCOR AGAINST GOF FOR ITS ATTITUDE. GOC HOPES, CONFIDENTIAL

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HOWEVER, THAT TOEHER MEMBERS OF EC WILL BE UNITED IN FAVOR OF BETTER DEAL FOR CYPRUS AND THAT GOF WILL HAVE TO GIVE IN TO THE MAJORITY. CRAWFORD

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